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SUBJ: STUDENTS DISORDERS IN CALI AND VALLE CITIES OF PALMIRA
AND TULUA

1. YESTERDAY AGAIN SAW A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN STUDENTS IN CALI AND PALMIRA WITH LOCAL POLICE. A SIMILAR BUT SMALLER LESS SERIOUS CONFRONTATION TOOK PLACE AT TULUA. THE DISTURBANCES AT CALI OCCURRED AT THE SITE OF UNIVERSITY OF VALLE WHERE STUDENTS BLOCKED THE CALI-POPAYAN ROAD PROTESTING CONTINUED CHARGES BY BUSETAS DRIVERS OF 2 PESOS DESPITE THE OFFICIALLY APPROVED REDUCTION TO ONE AND ONE HALF PESOS. UNIVERSITY STUDENTS STONED THE POLICE AND TEARGAS WAS USED TO CONTROL THE DEMONSTRATORS. PRESS REPORTS DESCRIBE THE STUDENTS AS MARXIST EXTREMISTS.

2. THE OUTBREAK AT PALMIRA BEGAN EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING RESULTING IN THE BLOCKAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL THOROUGHFARES OF THE CITY BY STUDENTS PROTESTING RAISED BUS FARES AND THE HIGH COST OF LIVING. BUSES WERE STONED BY THE STUDENTS. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE SIX PERSONS INJURED INCLUDING TWO POLICEMEN.

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3. THE TULUA DISTURBANCE INVOLVED APPROXIMATELY 200 STUDENTS
WITH NO INJURIES REPORTED BUT SIX ARRESTS.

COMMENT: ESTIMATES ON THE NUMBERS OF STUDENTS INVOLVED IN
THESE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. THE TULUA FIGURE
OF 200 DEMONSTRATORS WAS OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM THAT CITY.
ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN DIRECT REPORTS FROM PALMIRA WERE PUT OFF
BY REFERENCE TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE AT CALI, WHO, IN TURN,
STATES FULL REPORTS ON THE DEMONSTRATIONS AT CALI AND PALMIRA
HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY HIS OFFICE AS OF NOON,
NOVEMBER 29TH.

THIS SUGGESTS THAT A HIGH LEVEL CONTROL HAS BEEN PLACED ON ANY
INFORMATION SURROUNDING PUBLIC DISTURBANCES IN THE VALLE.

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